

I John Eyer do make and publish this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time made. First I desire that my funerals expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my money that I may be possessed of, or may come to the hands of my executors. Secondly I give and bequeath to my son Jefferson D. Eyer my tract of land in Putnam County Tennessee lying on the Watton road it being the tract on which I lived and from which I moved when I settled in DeKalb County said tract is supposed to contain about two hundred acres. Thirdly I give and bequeath to my son John John M. Eyer my tract of land in Putnam County Tennessee known as the Crider place said tract of land joins the land of John Rytel, Abraham Duck and Montgomerie Henard and other said tract is supposed to contain two hundred acres. Fourthly I do leave to my beloved wife Polly Eyer all my tract of land in DeKalb County which I now live during her natural life and after her death I give and bequeath said land to my son Charles Eyer and my Daughters Nancy and Menerva Eyer in the following portions to wit. To my son Charles Eyer two thirds of said tract and one to my Daughters Nancy and Menerva and these divided between them. Fifthly I desire that all my perishable property be sold as soon after my death as convenient in a credit of twelve months and out of the proceeds of said sales I give and bequeath to my Daughters Malinda and Peggy as soon as they may marry or come of age as much as my other daughter

had given to either of them by me when they married. Sixthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Maria Malinda Malinda Gornie Malinda Eyer P. G. G. G. and Polly Burton ten Dollars each. Seventhly I do give and bequeath the balance after taking out the above bequests to my beloved wife Polly Eyer and my son Charles Eyer and my daughter Malinda Peggy Nancy and Menerva equally between them for the purpose educating and clothing them. I desire that my executor sell my tract of land in Putnam County Tennessee as the property shall either at private or Public sale to the best advantage and the proceeds of said sale as the proceeds of the perishable property. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my friends Wm H. Richardson and Alexander Martin my executors in witness whereof I do to this my last will set my hand and seal this 27 day of September 1844

John Eyer Seal

Signed sealed and published in our presence and we have subscribed our names hereto in the presence of the Testator this 27 day of September 1844

Margaret Mearns
 Frederick Burkland
 State of Tennessee
 DeKalb County
 October Term 1844

A paper purporting to be the last will & Testament of John Eyer dec'd was presented in Open Court for probate and was duly proven in Open Court by the oaths of Margaret Mearns and Frederick Burkland subscribing witnesses to the same who being first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with John Eyer the Testator and that he made his mark to said will and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purpose therein specified and by his request they became subscribing witnesses to the same and are

that said will be recorded. Given under my hand
at office the 7th day of October 1844

Wm. B. Simpson Clerk
of DeKalb County Court

In the name of God Amen

I, Strabane Corral, a Citizen of DeKalb County in
State of Tennessee being sound in mind and memory do
make Ordinance & declare this Instrument which is written with
my hand and subscribed with my name to be my last will
and Testament revoking all others, first that all my just
debts are to be punctually paid there being but few and
then the Legacies hereafter bequeathed are to be discharged
as soon as Circumstances will permit and in the manner
hereafter described. Secondly I bequeath unto my son Morice
of Corral the plantation where I now live and including
all the improvement thereon with all the appurtenances
thereto belonging including all the Lands I bought
of John Locant and a small piece of Land I bought of
Morice also with the Saw of ~~John~~ Miller & Catherine Linn
that stand on said Land with all the appurtenances be-
longing thereto. Also I bequeath unto my said son
Morice of Corral certain other Tracts of Land to
wit. One of Three Hundred and fifty Acres. One of
One Hundred and one Acres. One of fifty Acres, the 33rd tract
beginning in a "Washburn" running South & East for
Completion. The 100 Acre Tract beginning at a log
Pole on Massey. Also South boundary running East
about for Completion. The 57 acre tract beginning
in a line running North & East for Completion.
One other fifty Acre Tract beginning in a line
near a blowing Spring running North & East for
Completion. One other fifty tract of fifty acres

tract beginning at a dogwood the North East corner
of a Ten Acre Tract. And Tract of fifteen acres
beginning at three Logs running North & East. Also
one Hundred Acres beginning in a line running
South to Adams's South boundary. Also a Ten
Acres beginning at a hick near a East boundary line of
John Dooney forty Five entry running East & North
for Completion. Also Eight Acres Tract beginning
in a hick & Logwood fifty pole North of its North
East corner of his Ten Acre Tract running East & South
for Completion. Also Two Acre Tract lying near Adams
corner Tangaw. Also Three Hundred ^{and} ~~and~~ Tract lying
on the ridge near Ashland hick beginning in a logwood
running South to Bates Line then East for Comple-
ment. The above described Land nearly all is lying East
of the tract I live on. Reference to the Grants. I also
give unto my son Morice of Corral my three Shells
with the shell tubs & all the appurtenances belonging to
the said shellery. I also give unto said son Morice
A Corral and Negro by the name of John Smith
and one gray mare by side & out of a Breeding mare.
I also bequeath & give unto my son Morice of Corral
the following described Negroes to wit. I give unto said
Morice of Corral one Negro man named Henry also
one Negro woman named Plet and her Child named Anne
also one Negro boy named Patches also ~~one~~ the Negro
boy named Stroder also a little Negro girl named
Jane. in addition to the above Negroes bequeathed I give
and bequeath unto my son Morice of Corral and
beneath part of all the negroes not named hereafter
in this Instrument being the balance of the

to be divided between seven Legates by said Legatus
 throwing in all the advancements that they have
 received in Negroes in hatches ^{not} with them that has
 received no advancements in Negroes I also
 give and bequeath unto my son One Seventh part
 of all the personal property of every kind whatever
 the advancements heretofore given in personal prop-
 erty to the Legates all to be counted as property re-
 ceived by the Legates as part of their part except the
 property I now give my son Hezrae which he
 has not received yet.

The following portions being a part of my said last
 will & Testament as in the handwriting of another person
 completed by me and signed by my own hand and made
 as fully my will as that first written with my own hand
 I now give and bequeath to the separate use of my Daughter
 Sarah Stokes the following property which shall not in any
 event be subject to the debts or contracts of her husband
 but to be hers absolutely during her natural life and
 at her death to be equally divided between her Children
 that is to say I bequeath to her my said Daughter Corle
 Stokes the tract of Land which she & her husband Will-
 iam B. Stokes now live including the Mill site running
 with the meanders of the Creek and round to us to
 include all the lands that I bought of Jacob Overall
 which I at this time own at the Saw plantations or
 tract at Fittes Hundred Colton. Also I will
 give and bequeath in like manner to my said Daughter
 Sarah Stokes one Negro woman named Doll sold
 at Three Hundred Dollars and her youngest Child
 Fanny sales at Three Hundred and

Twenty Dollars also I bequeath to her my ^{said} Daughter Prudence
 Stokes in like manner one Seventh part of all my per-
 sonal and personal not otherwise bequeathed by this
 instrument after a deduction of the amount she
 has received of me in advances which sum so received
 is Two Hundred Dollars. I give and bequeath
 to the separate use of my Daughter Elizabeth M. Stokes
 One Seventh part of all my real and personal property
 not otherwise bequeathed by this Instrument which
 shall not in any event be subject to the debts or control
 of her husband but to be hers absolutely during her
 natural life and at her death to be equally divided
 between her Children receiving first from her share
 legacy the amount which she has received of me
 in advances at my own valuation that being Two
 Thousand Dollars. I give and bequeath to the separate
 use of my Daughter Nancy to have One Seventh part of all
 my real and personal property not otherwise bequeathed
 by this instrument which shall not in any event be subject
 to the debts or control of her husband but to be hers absolutely
 during her natural life and at her death to be equally
 divided among her Children receiving first from her
 said legacy the amount which she has received of me
 in advances that amount being One Thousand Dollars.
 I give and bequeath to the separate use of my Daugh-
 ter Eliza wood one Seventh part of all my real &
 personal property not otherwise bequeathed by this
 instrument which shall not in any event be subject
 to the debts or control of her husband but to be
 hers absolutely during her natural life and at her
 death to be equally divided among her Children

producing first from her said Legacy the amount which
 she has received of me in advance that amount being
 Five Hundred Dollars. I give unto the said
 Lafayette Cook, Mary Ann Cook, John Cook, & Carter
 Green the Largest share of my Decedent's real &
 Personal Estate and unto the first of all my real &
 Personal property not otherwise bequeathed by this
 instrument which shall be equally divided amongst
 them first receiving from their said Legacy the amount
 of Twelve Hundred Dollars but being the amount
 which their Mother received of me in her life time
 in advance. I will and bequeath to the support
 use of my daughter Harriet Watson the seventh part
 of all my real and personal property not otherwise
 bequeathed by this instrument which shall not in any
 event be subject to the debts or Engagements of her
 husband but to be hers absolutely during her natural
 life and at her death to be equally divided among
 her Children producing first from her said Legacy
 the amount which she has received of me in
 advance that amount being Five Hundred Dollars.
 I give and bequeath to Thomas Ward a Negro
 and Lot of ground in the Town of Alexandria
 District of Columbia the same be willed toward
 by Doctor John H. Donnan - also I give & bequeath
 to the said Thomas Ward Ten Hundred Dollars
 to which he shall be entitled by himself or his Guardian
 when he shall arrive at the age of Eighteen years
 the rents arising from the above named house and
 Lot shall be regularly applied to the schooling of
 Thomas Ward provided he will accept the

same in that way until the same is to fall into the
 hands of himself or his Guardian. I give and bequeath
 to my daughter Louisa M. Hedges Ten Dollars.
 Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my son George
 A. Corwell my Executor and trustee whom I do to
 this my Will set my hand and seal this day
 of August 1843

Thomas J. ...
 District of Columbia

Circuit Court for said County District of Columbia
 Be it remembered that at a Circuit Court
 begun and held for the District of Columbia in the fourth Judicial
 Circuit of the State of Tennessee at the Court House in the
 Town of Smithland, in the County of Anderson, on the first
 Monday being the second day of December, in the year of our
 Independence of the United States the forty ninth year, pursuant to the Honorable
 Abraham Casworth, Judge within, and for the Circuit
 and State aforesaid, the following declaration being made:

George A. Corwell Executor of the last Will and Testament of
 Thomas J. ...
 vs.
 Thomas J. ...
 Plaintiff
 vs.
 Thomas J. ...
 Defendant

This day came the parties by their attorneys and
 an Master of the plaintiff by his attorney it is ordered by the Court
 that the defendant give security for the cost of this suit on or before
 Thursday next until which time this case is laid over, and by the
 consent of the parties a Commission is awarded to take the depo-
 sitions of Messrs. H. H. Robinson and Thomas ...

Marion S. Carroll Executor of A. Carroll deceased
 Dec. 11th 1844
 Thomas J. Sauer & Nancy his Wife & James Wood & his wife Eliza his wife
 When as on the 7th day of October 1844 Marion S. Carroll offered
 for probate in the County Court of Shelby County a paper purporting
 to be the last will and Testament of Abraham Carroll deceased
 and Thomas J. Sauer & his Wife Nancy and James Wood and
 Eliza his Wife appeared there in said Court and contested the
 validity of said Will which fact together with said paper writing
 has been certified by the Clerk of the County Court into the Circuit
 Court. And therefor the said Marion S. Carroll now here
 offers said paper writing for probate and avers that it is the
 last Will & Testament of the said Abraham Carroll deceased
 and that he is ready to verify the same, and the said Thomas
 J. Sauer and his Wife Nancy and James Wood and Eliza
 came and ~~proved~~ the wrong and injury and avers that
 said paper writing is not the last will & Testament of
 Abraham Carroll deceased and pray that this may
 be enjoined of by the Court. Since the said Marion
 S. Carroll doth the like

Exam. Deceased

Deceased

Marion S. Carroll Exor. of A. Carroll deceased
 Dec. 15th
 Thomas J. Sauer & his Wife Nancy & James Wood & his wife Eliza
 This day the defendants came into open Court and
 entered into bond with security for the Cost of this Suit
 in discharge of the rule made upon them on Monday last.

Marion S. Carroll Executor of Abraham Carroll deceased
 December 16th
 Thomas J. Sauer & his Wife Nancy & James Wood & his wife Eliza
 The parties by their Attorneys and themselves

Deceased

Deceased

examined a jury of good and Lawful Men to wit, Walter
 Gault, Gilbert Watson, John F. West, Matthew Empson, Nicholas
 Parsly, Jameson White, Jonathan Goff, Isaac Farnell, Samuel
 Strong, James Minton, Elijah Smith, and Jonathan Brown,
 who being elected tried and sworn the Court to speak upon
 the issue Linnec, after hearing all the evidence on both sides
 seen by consent of the parties and with the assent of the Court
 permitted to disperse under Charge of the Court to meet
 here again at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Marion S. Carroll Executor of Abraham Carroll deceased
 Dec. 17th

Thomas J. Sauer & his Wife Nancy & James Wood & his wife Eliza
 This day came the parties by their Attorneys and the said jury that
 were empanelled on yesterday to try this Cause against Marion
 S. Carroll and after hearing all the arguments of Counsel on
 both sides were by the consent of the parties and with the assent
 of the Court permitted to disperse under Charge of the Court
 to meet here again at 9 o'clock on Monday morning next
 Marion S. Carroll Executor of Abraham Carroll deceased
 Dec. 18th

Deceased

Deceased

Thomas J. Sauer & his Wife Nancy & James Wood & his wife Eliza
 This day came again the parties by their Attorneys and the same
 Jury who were empanelled on Friday last to try this Cause
 again came into Court and after receiving their Charge
 from the Court upon their oath they say that the paper
 writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament
 of Abraham Carroll deceased is not the last will &
 Testament of the said Abraham Carroll as to the real
 estate, but that it is the last will and Testament of
 the said Abraham Carroll as to the personal
 Estate. It is therefore considered by the Court

Said paper asserting purporting to be the last will and Testament of Abraham Crowell deceased is not his will as to the real Estate but that it is his will as to the personal Estate and it is further considered by the Court that the plaintiff in error against the defendants has cast about his suit with his help expenses for which execution may issue.

And that the Clerk of this Court Certify the proceedings of this Court and transmit the same together with the paper writing to the County Court of DeKalb County.

State of Tennessee
DeKalb County

I William J. Giran Clerk of the Circuit Court for DeKalb County in the State of said hereby Certify that the foregoing is a true and perfect Transcript of the record and all the proceedings had in said Court in a suit heretofore prosecuted in said Court between Thomas H. Crowell Executor of Abraham Crowell deceased is plaintiff and Thomas Smith & his Wife Nancy and James Wood & his wife Elizabeth are defendants.

In testimony whereof I herewith subscribe my name and affix my private seal having no seal of office, at office in Smithville the fourteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four. And the 6th year of our American Independence

Wm. J. Giran Clerk

James Bogarts Will 61
DeKalb County State of Tennessee

I know all men by these presents that I James Bogarts being in a low State of Health but of sound mind and memory knowing that all men are liable to die I make this my last Will & Testament, First I commit my body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner and recommended to God. First to my beloved wife Eleanor I give my right to those lots of land that I am now in possession of during her natural life or widowhood also half interest in the out lands that attached to the home tract of land also I give my little yoke of Steers to her and two Choice Cows and a calf & her choice of the two mares, two Choice Sows & pigs and nine Spaid Sows & barrows I also give her all the household and kitchen Furniture, I also give her all the Corn, meat & fat and farming utensils except an big plough also all the Saddle and her side saddle and loom and four head of Sheep, Secondly I give I give unto my three Children, Hector, James Monroe, and Julius Ann Bogarts all the balance of my estate after paying my just debts to be equally divided amongst them. I Appoint Thomas Lick my Executor, my Executor shall discharge all my just debts with any money or effects I may be possessed of my Executor shall sell all my perishable at a twelve month or less all that not bequeathed to my wife Eleanor — as my mother's deed my Executor shall take charge of my interest in that I tract of land that my mother was in possession of and dispose of it in any way he may think fit.

James Bogarth Will

for the benefit of my three Children of my wife
 Eleanor Howler, marry my Executor shall take charge
 of these lots of Land here disposed of them in any
 way he thinks best for the benefit of my three
 Children, and I do wish my Executor to assist
 my wife Eleanor in sorting and managing these
 lots of Land that I have given to my wife Eleanor
 and for the proceeds thereof to be used for the
 benefit of my wife and Children and I
 furthermore wish my Executor to give my
 three Children a common Education. Given
 under my hand & seal this 8th day of March
 1815

James Bogarth

Signed Sealed in
 presence of
 Test

Mills Witt
 Samuel Strong
 William Keenler
 Esq. in presence of
 John Schenck

State of Tennessee DeKalb County

On Motion the last Will and Testament of James Bo-
 garth deceased, was presented in open Court for prob-
 ate & was duly proven in open Court by the Oaths
 of Mills Witt & Samuel Strong two of the subscribing
 witnesses to the same who being duly sworn depose
 & say that they were acquainted with James Bogarth
 the Testator who died in DeKalb County Tennessee and
 was also a resident Citizen of said County of the
 County & that they signed said Will in his pres-
 ence & in the presence of the witnesses at his dwellinghouse. Ordered

That said Will be admitted to record. Then came
 Thomas Leake the Executor named in said Will was
 qualified as such by taking the oath prescribed by
 Law & entered into bond together with Lewis Bogarth
 Thomas Cannon & Alexander Martin his securities
 approved by the Court in the penal sum of \$1000
 Alexander Collins Conditioned with said depts
 Ordinance that he should faithfully execute his
 office in the said County. Done
 at the Court of DeKalb County Tennessee
 the 10th day of March 1815
 J. P. Lawrence

State of Tennessee DeKalb County
 To Thomas Leake a Citizen of DeKalb County.

It appearing to the Court that James Bogarth
 has died leaving a written will in which you
 are appointed Executor which has been duly pro-
 ved in open Court; & you having given bond and
 qualified according to law and it having
 been ordered by the said Court that Letters Testamen-
 tary issue to you

These are therefore to empower you the said
 Thomas Leake to enter upon the execution of said Will
 and take into your possession all the property and
 to make to the next Court a perfect Inventory thereof and
 make due Collections of all debts and after paying
 all the just demands against the Testator and settling
 the business according to law, you will pay over and
 deliver the property and effects that may remain in
 your hands, and do all other things that may be
 necessary according to the provisions of said will
 Witness my hand & the seal of the Court at the City of
 Nashville the 10th day of March 1815
 and the year of American Independence the 40th

William Hall's Will

In the Name of God Amen, I William Hall of the County of Norfolk and State of Pennsylvania being in a feeble state of health; but ever blessed be the Lord my God, I am in the possession of a strong sound mind free which great blessing, I adore & praise his holy Name, Nevertheless, knowing that it is appointed for man once to die, do hereby this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all others hereby made, hereby

In the first place I desire as it becomes to feel perfectly willing to resign my soul into the hands of my Heavenly Father (who gave it to me) when ever it shall be his blessed will to call it away from this poor afflicted transient of Clay; and also, cheerfully resign my sinful body to the silent Tomb there to mingle with its mother dust, until the resurrection Morn; when being raised by the voice of the Archangel and trump of God, my soul shall reenter it again. "Bring forth as like unto the Glorious Body of my blessed Redeemer, shall be caught up in the Clouds to meet the Lord, in the air and so shall ever be with the Lord."

Secondly I give unto my ^{beloved} wife Nancy S. Hall during her natural life, all my house hold and kitchen furniture, and all my farming utensils, except such articles as I shall name hereafter. Also I give her one Horse best (her choice) Two Cows and calves, and all the sheep and hogs I have with all the poultry of every kind, also I give my lease whereon I now live, including the land ^{thereon} & orchard and all my notes to my wife so far as for her comfortable

William Hall's Will

Support, during her life. Thirdly I give unto my daughter Nancy S. Hall one bed & furniture; one set of plates; one Cow, as the price of it in money and one set of Cups & Saucers

Fourthly, I give unto my daughter Francis M. Hall one bed, and furniture, one set of plates, one Cow, as the price of it in money and one set of cups and saucers

Fifthly I give unto my Grand daughter Nancy S. Hall one bed and what furniture her Grand mother thinks to be right.

Sixthly I give unto my Grand daughter Polly P. H. Harny one bed and what furniture her Grand mother thinks to be just & right. And it is my desire and will too, that if Louis P. Harny my little Grand son ever stay with his Grand mother and be a good and obedient child to her, that she shall make him equal with his sisters or more of her wants it; otherwise I want my Executors to send him to some good trade.

Seventhly, I give unto my son Robert S. Hall my young horse called Dick, and I give unto my son Isaac S. Hall my saddle.

Eighthly, I want my wife to make her own selection of my books and Pamphlets, and to amount of them to be equally divided among my children with those some of them have already.

Ninthly, I desire my Executors and my wife to decrease to sell my Cattle, and my property and all my other property not mentioned in this will to my wife & children, and pay of

66 W. Dale's Will

And if my wife after my decease becomes desirous
to sell or buy in my name I hereby authorize
my Executor and herself to sell it, and with the
proceeds thereof and some other of my money to
purchase a little place that they believe will suit
my wife's convenience and happiness better, when
she may command to live.

I desire after my wife's decease, I desire my
Executor to sell all the property of my estate
that I will sell to her or that she may have of her
decease and out of the proceeds thereof, with all
my notes and moneys that may be in the hands of
my Executor or her, to give unto my son James
D. Dale, Fifty Dollars. To my son William D. Dale Sixty
five Dollars. To my son Thomas Dale twenty
five. To my son Robert D. Dale twenty five. Dollars
and to my son Isaac D. Dale twenty five Dollars.
But if there should be more or left money of my estate
I desire it should be divided among my five sons
named in proportion to the above division among
them, my son Hillary P. Dale having received his
portion in land. And lastly, I appoint my
friend and Brother Henry Dale to execute this
my last will & Testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set
hand and affixed my seal, this the 5th day of
November 1844

Witness my hand and seal
William Dale

State of Tennessee
Schott County November Term 1845

All papers respecting purporting to be the
last will and Testament of William Dale deceased
who was a resident Citizen of Schott County Tennessee
up to his death was presented in open Court for
Probate and was duly proved in open Court by the
deaths of David Dale and Isaac Dale both of
Schott County Tennessee to the same who being duly
sworn depose and say that they were acquainted
with William Dale the Testator and that they subscribed
to said Will by his request at his own dwelling house
and that said Will be admitted to record
no objection is done

Attest J. P. Lawrence Clerk
of Schott County Tennessee

State of Tennessee Schott County

To Henry Dale of Schott County
It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court now
in session that William Dale has died in Schott
County leaving a written Will in which you are appointed
Executor, which has been duly proved in open
Court and you having given bond and qualified
according to law, and it having been ordered by the
Court that I do hereby issue to you

These are therefore to empower you the said
Henry Dale to enter upon the execution of said will and take into your
charge all the property and to make to the next Court a proper
and make due collection of all debts and of
demands against the Testator and settling
according to law, you will pay over and

William Rice Junr Will

and effects that may remain in your hands and do all other things that may be required according to the provision of said will and the laws of the land.

Witness My hand & seal at office the 3^d day of November 1845 and the year of American Independence the 70th M. B. Lawrence (S)

State of Massachusetts

October 3rd 1845

I William B. Rice Junr know that I have and to dec. do hereby bequeath unto ~~God~~ my soul & body I the said William B. Rice Junr. also herein bequeath unto my said Grandson & my Grandson do hereby bequeath unto my son William Rice Junr. one hundred and twenty two acres of land lying on the waters of the Falling water tract where my son William now lives containing twenty two acres and the hundred acre tract of lands lying joining the twenty two acre tract on the South west of said twenty two acre tract of land which I design to give to my son William Rice Junr. I do also bequeath unto my beloved wife Eleanor Rice & my poor afflicted daughter Martha Rice all of my bridge farm when I now live including the farm with all my Goods and Chattels including all the property both in and out of doors during their mutual life after my death then I want James Tallant and Silas Howell & Malinda Howell Rice Junr. & his wife Mary to be equal in the remainder of

what is left after the decease of my wife Eleanor Rice & Martha Rice. I also bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Rice Ten Dollars out of the effects of my estate. I also bequeath unto Marion Rice & John Rice Ten Dollars each out of the effects of my deceased Estate &c. I furthermore request that my said horses be sold at the end of one year and the proceeds thereof be paid to my said wife and approved heirs & I further request and request that all my just debts be paid out of the proceeds of the sales of my horses to go to the support of my wife Eleanor in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name in the presence of us

Test
G. H. Baker
Joseph H. Keckley
Wm. Rice Junr (S)

Moses Allen's Will

I, Moses Allen do make and publish this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all other Wills by me at any Time made. First I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts if any there be, be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that I may be possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor, be it my wife or my daughter Mary or my negro girl, Sally and my negro woman and my negro girl Malind and my negro boy Elijah all of which she has now in her possession also my negro boy Walsa which I have in my possession. Secondly: I give and bequeath to the separate use of my daughter Clarissa during the following property which shall not be in any way subject to the debts or Cautions of her husband, but to be hers absolutely during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided among her children but shall be and remain under the Cautions and deemed in the possession of my Executor in trust for her only proper use during her life and shall by them be applied to her use, annually or as fast as any profits may arise (or Stock which I may choose under this Will may mature for use) in whatever way may be best calculated to promote her happiness and not exhaust the property more than the Common use thereof. (To wit,) my negro girl Sarah and her infant child Lambert, my daughter Frances or Nat, who is now living with my son's boy Braunsford who is yet living and my daughter Mary that she have the account

Moses Allen's Will

of One Hundred and Two dollars in property out of any property, such as Stock, house hold, and Kitchen furniture of which I may be possessed to be chosen by her and valued by Moses Fite and Rev. Henry Fite or the laws of Rev. John Fite or in the event of their failure or refusal to serve as valuers, by such men as may be appointed by the County Court to that purpose. The last portion returned to the said daughter Mary of Ten dollars shall be subject to be reduced or increased by an account which may be created by her with me for such articles as I may think proper to let her have during the residue of my life.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Liberty Maste my negro girl Cat and her infant child Allow also my negro girl Mary which she now has in her possession also my negro woman Jimmy and my negro boy Will which I have in my possession.

Fifthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Maste my Negro Girl Leah and her infant child Heanet and my negro boy Gilbert now in her possession also my negro woman Rose and my negro boy Phillis who I have in my possession. Sixthly, I give and bequeath to my son James Allen my negro boy Mills and my negro girl Susan and my negro boy Martin Vair Burns all of which he now has in his possession and that he be entitled to retain in his hands the sum of Seven hundred dollars which I have set out for him as a part of his legacy, together with a tract of land whenever he now lives. I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary my negro boy Archibald.

The J. F. Brown's Will

I B. F. Brown do make and publish this as my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling all other wills by me at any time made and do direct that my funeral Expenses and all my debt to be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any monies that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor I have appointed Nancy Robtts and her husband the Wife of Benson Robtts for the purpose of a claim that I hold against James Thomson if collected. Secondly I bequeath to my wife Susanna Brown one third of all my real and personal Estate after all my debts is paid. Thirdly I bequeath unto Saml Thomason one Cow and calf, Two Sheep and one Hogs also one Hundred dollars out of the debt due by Lewis G. Davis. I bequeath to Nancy Robtts and the balance of the debt to my wife Susanna Brown.

I do hereby nominate and appoint Thomas M. Crow my Executor in witness whereof I do to this my will set my hand and Seal 17th day of November 1846

Elizabeth ^{his} Brown
Elizabeth ^{his} Brown

B. F. Brown

signed sealed and published

in our presence of the Testator

State of Tennessee
Halls County

... it was suggested to the Court that ...
... Brown has departed this life ...
... Tennessee leaving a will

which was presented in Open Court for Probate and was duly proven in Open Court by the Oath of Elizabeth Snow & Elizabeth St. Snow the subscribing witnesses thereto who being first duly sworn depose and say that they were acquainted with Benjamin F. Brown in the Testator and that they signed said will in his presence by his request at his own request and in the presence of said witnesses

... to Record
J. Thom. Esq.
Wm. B. Lawrence Esq.
of Halls County Court

State of Tennessee Halls County
Do R. J. Thomason a Citizen of Halls County
It appearing to the County Court now in session that Benjamin F. Brown in has died in Halls County Tennessee leaving a will and the Court being satisfied as to your claim to the Administration with the will annexed and you being given bond & qualification as directed by law & the Court having ordered that letters of Administration be issued to you. ~~These will therefore be~~ and empower you to take into your possession & control all the goods Chattels Claims & papers of the said Intestate and return a true and perfect Inventory thereof to our next County Court to collect and pay all debts and to do and transact all the business in relation to said Estate which lawfully devolves upon an administrator and after having sold up the residue thereof to those whom are entitled to the same of said Court at office this ...
... of American ...

George A. Waller Will

I now being in my proper senses thanks be to God
 for the same I make this my last will in testimony
 it is my will that my estate should be kept together
 during the life time of my beloved wife Martha
 Waller for her benefit and her death to be
 equally divided between my two children George
 H. Waller & Ann Waller to be to them during
 their life time as well as their will and as
 their estate to be equally divided between
 children. I hereby appoint my son George
 Waller Executor to my will, this 25th Jan^y
 1846 George A. Waller

- Witness
 Edward B. Scott,
 John R. Broadock
 Alexander Asher
 Joll Foster
 John M. Foster
 W. C. Foster

State of Tennessee & Waller County Feb^y Term 1847

On motion it appeared to the satisfaction
 of the Court that George H. Waller a Resident citizen of
 Waller County Tennessee has deposited this Will having
 a will which was presented in open court for Probate
 and was duly proved in open court by the oath of Joll
 Foster John M. Foster, & W. C. Foster the subscribing witnesses,
 who being first duly sworn depose and say
 that they were acquainted with George H. Waller the testator
 and said will in his presence by his request
 and in the presence of the Court. Ordered that said will be admitted
 to probate
 Wm B Lawrence clk
 Waller County Court

State of Tennessee Waller County

To George H. Waller a citizen of Virginia
 is appearing to the Court Court George H
 Waller has died in Waller County Tennessee
 leaving a written will in which you are
 appointed Executor, which has been duly proved
 in open court & you having given bond and
 qualified according to law to receive and
 defend by the Court in Waller County
 Tennessee. These are therefore to require
 you to said George H. Waller to enter upon
 the execution of said will & take into your
 possession all the property and to make to
 the next Court a perfect inventory thereof and
 make due collection of all debts and after
 paying all the just demands against the Es-
 tate & settling up the business according to
 Law you will pay over and deliver the property
 & effects that may remain in your hands and
 do all other things that may be required
 according to the provisions of said will & the
 Laws of the land. Witness my hand & seal
 Clerk at office the 1st day of Feb^y 1847
 and 71st year of American Independence
 Wm B Lawrence clk
 Waller County Court

78. William J. Sivan's Will

I William J. Sivan make and publish this as my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time made

1st it is my will that all my just debts be paid out of any money or effects that I may die possessed of, as soon after my death as may be

2nd I will and bequeath to my wife Sarah E. Sivan one third of all my real Estate that is I will and bequeath to her the use and free enjoyment of said one third during her Natural life

3rd It is further my will and desire that one fourth of all the personal property that I may die possessed of, after paying all just debts go to my said wife absolutely.

4th I will and bequeath that my agent Pelly Johnson be supported and maintained out of the residue of my estate during his natural life

5th All the balance of my estate both real and personal including the 1/8, heretofore given to my wife for life the use of, it is my will that the same be equally divided between my two children to wit Nancy E. & George Sivan and if either of them die before they become 21 years old, the other is to have the whole of said estate

Thus given to them
6th It is further my will and desire that if my said executors hereafter appointed cannot agree with my said wife as to the 1/4 of my personal estate heretofore bequeathed to her, the whole of said personal property to be sold & the one half of the proceeds to be given to my said wife

It is further my will that my said wife for the consideration that she raise support and educate my said two children here tofore named until they become 21 years old she is to have the free use and control of the whole of my real estate until the youngest child becomes 21 years old or until she marries her second husband, and then the whole of said real estate whosoever she same may be that I die seized and possessed of be equally divided between them, and said one third heretofore given to my said wife for life is not to be divided during her natural life. Lastly I appoint my trusty friends Thomas Sivan Hanson M. Knier & Joseph Clark & my wife executors & executrix to this my last will and Testament, this the 7th day of october

1847
J. B. Rodgers,
W. W. Wade

Wm. J. Sivan

State of Tennessee DeKalb County

Mary Tenn 1848

On Motion the last will and Testament of William J. Civan Decedent was presented in open Court for probate and was duly proven in open Court by the oath of Willis W. Wade one of the subscribing witnesses to the within will who being first duly sworn depose and say that he read the within will of W. Civan the Testator and that he saw him sign the name to said will in the City of Nashville Davidson County Tennessee at the City Hotel on the day it bears date ordered by Courts that said Will be admitted to record this 1st day of May 1848.

A True Copy. W. J. Salull Clerk of DeKalb County Court

State of Tennessee DeKalb County

To Joseph Clarke of DeKalb County

It appearing to the Court that William J. Civan has died leaving a written will in which you are appointed Executor, which has been duly proven in open Court, and you having given bond and qualified according to law, and it having been ordered by the said Court that letters testamentary issue to you

These are therefore to empower you the said Joseph Clarke to enter upon the execution of said will and take in to your hands the property and to make it a perfect executory there of

and make due collections of all debts and after paying all the just demands against the testator and settling up the business according to laws you will pay over and deliver the property and effects that may remain in your hands and do all other things that may be required according to the provision of said will and the laws of the land Witness my hand and seal of said office the first day of May 1848 and the year of American Independence W. J. Salull Clerk of DeKalb County Court

Last Will & Testament of Thomas West

Whereas I Thomas West of the State of Tennessee De Kalb County being old and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die but being of sound mind do make this my last will and testament in the words and figures following, I revoke and annul all others by me made in this kind and manner

Item 1st I will and bequeath to my Son John F. West, one hundred acres of land, of beginning on the South Side of the first purchase that I made of Thomas Chickman, Beginning on a bush, the South east corner of said tract running North Sixty seven and one half pole, to a Stake thence West to the west boundary line,

Item 2nd I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Talitha West all the balance of my land during his natural lifetime with all the balance of my Estate both personal and personal also all my Negroes viz, Patience and her children and all his increase Aleny and her increase and Martin, and at his death I will the hole of my land to my beloved Son Thomas W. West that I left to my wife Talitha West,

Item 3rd I will after the death of my wife to Elizabeth C. Garrison and all his increase during

his natural life and at his death to her four Daughters viz, Mary Garrison Talitha Garrison, Elizabeth Jane Garrison, Martha Delitha Garrison,

Item the 4th I will and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Nancy H. Fite ten dollars as she has had a Negro woman named Lection a fifty dollars in Cash and one hundred equal with the the rest of my Daughters Item, 5th I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter Martha D. West after the Death of my wife one Negro Boy, Martin and one ne girl Emiline one Cherry Braucava one Bed and furnitures

Item 6th I will and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Talitha M. Williams, after the Death of my wife one Negro woman Patience and one Negro boy Peter,

Item 7th I will and bequeath to my beloved Son Matthias S. West, Twenty five Dollars as he has had an Equal Share heretofore,

Item, 8th I will and bequeath to my beloved Son Joel A. West Twenty five dollars, as he has had an Equal Share heretofore

Item 9th I will and bequeath after the death of my wife all the Real and personal property to

Equally divided amongst my four

Daughters Viz, Elizabeth W. Garrison
Mary H. Fite, Martha D. West, and
Salitha M. Williams.

Item 10th I Will that Thomas W.
West my Executor to this my last
will and Testament that I this
day sign this 28th day of April
1848

Attest Andrew Dickette
John W. Allen
Joshua W. Prokator
Leonard Fite

State of Tennessee De Kalb County
On Motion the last will and Testament
of Thomas West Deceased, was this day
presented in open Court and was duly
proven in open Court by the oath
of Andrew Dickette & Leonard Fite
two of the subscribing witnesses to
said Will who being first duly sworn
deposed and say that they were acquainted
with Thomas West the Testator who
died in De Kalb County Tennessee
and was also a resident citizen of
said County up to his death and
that he signed said Will in their
presence, ordered that said Will be
admitted to record with my hand as
officer in Smithville this 10th day
of August 1848. W. J. Sellett Clerk

of De Kalb County
Tennessee

Jonathan Griffiths Will

In the name of God Amen
I Jonathan Griffiths being of sound
mind and memory thankful to almighty
God, and knowing the uncertainty of
all Earthly things do make and publish
this my last Will and Testament in
Manner and form following.

First I give and bequeath to my beloved
wife Elizabeth Griffiths
all that portion of my Land lying on
the South Side of the Branch that
runs across the Lane between
Moses Griffiths and my self, there
beginning up the branch by my house
3 poles North of my Spring and
Spring house thence 20 poles west to
then 30 poles South thence west to
Williams Bennetts line and so unto
my line to the beginning.
Also my Black man George, and
servant Jure, also good Lucy and two
farm horses such as he will select
by head of cattle ten head of Sheep
half of my Stock of hogs such
Stock to be by her selection, such of
my farming tools and instruments of
his banding as she may need and
will select all of my house hold
and kitchen furniture except
such as I shall give to my son
William and grandchild

Nancy Hodge - also all the grans
and provisions there on the farm for
her and the family, with her
whecks well property so heavily given
her during her lifetime or widow hood

4th I give to my son William the
ballance of my land not willed to his
mother and after the death or marriage
of his mother I give to my son
William my entire tract of land
wherein we live. I also give to said
son William one head and furniture
& Stead Cow and Calf 5 head of Sheep
Ballance of the Stead hogs not
Willed to his mother

5th I give and bequeath to my Grandaug
Nancy Hays one head Stead and
furniture one horse bridle and saddle
worth the one hundred dollars, one hundred
dollars in money

6th I give and bequeath to my daughter
Elizabeth Adams two hundred dollars in
money

7th I give to my daughter Nancy Hays
a Negro girl Lucy at the death or
marriage of her mother;

At the death or marriage of my beloved
wife Elizabeth Griffith it is my
will that my two Negro George & Jane
be sold at 12 months credit also all
the other estate so willed to my beloved
be sold in like manner and

The proceeds proper to be sold after

my death at twelve months credit
and the proceeds with the debts due
after paying my just debts if any
first be paid out to the willed
legacies and the balance to be divided
Equally Between my sons Moses Griffith
John Griffith, Eben Griffith, Thomas
Griffith and Peyton Griffith and
my daughters Elizabeth Adams and
the children of my deceased Daugh-
ter Edy Hergan, Talbot, Robert W.
Talbot, Andrew Jackson & Sampson
Hergan as one share

those of my children not provided
for in the distribution of my Estate
I have hitherto provided for them an
Equitable proportion

Having thus disposed of my earthly
goods I now commend my soul to
god who gave it And do hereby
Appoint my son Moses Griffith
Executor to this my last will and
testament signed and acknowledged
in the presence of, Jonathan Griffith
Thomas D. Price
Jacob Pitt

State of Tennessee to all Whom it
may Concern

November Term 1948
On Motion a paper purporting to be
the last will and Testament of
Jonathan Griffith deceased

presented in open Court for probate
 and was duly proven in open Court by
 the oaths of Thomas D. Davis and Jacob
 Fite subscribing Witnesses to said Will
 who being duly Sworn, depose and say
 that they were acquainted with James
 Griffith the Testator who died in
 DeKalb County Tennessee and was also
 a resident Citizen of said County up
 to his death and that they signed said
 Will in his presence by his request and
 that he was in his right mind

and that said Will be admitted to
 Record, the 6th November 1848
 Teste J. F. Davis Copy
 J. F. Davis Clerk
 of DeKalb County Tenn

Philip Haas will

I Philip Haas do make and publish this as
 my last will and testament hereby
 revoking and making void all other wills
 by me at any time made
 First, I direct that my funeral expenses be
 and all my debts be paid as soon after my
 death as possible out of any money that
 I may die possessed of or that may first
 come into the hands of my executor
 Secondly I give and bequeath to my wife
 Nancy, all my real and personal estate
 and money on hand, and lastly I do
 hereby nominate and appoint G. G. Davis
 my executor in and to the effect of I do to this
 my will set my hand and seal this
 July the 23rd 1849. Philip Haas (and)

signed sealed and published in our presence
 and we have subscribed our names thereto
 in the presence of the testator this the 23rd
 day of July 1849.

Attest William G. Threant,
 H. P. Kemp.

State of Tennessee DeKalb County
 On motion a paper reciting purporting to
 be the last will and testament of Philip
 Haas deceased late a resident citizen of
 DeKalb County Tennessee which will or
 paper reciting was presented in open Court
 for probate and was duly proven in
 open Court by the oaths of William G.
 Threant and Henderson P. Kemp

Subscribing witnesses to said will. or paper
 asserting who being first duly sworn in
 open Court deposes and says that they were acquai-
 nted with Philip Hoas, the testator who
 died in DeKalb County, Tennessee, and that
 the said Philip Hoas was a resident citizen
 of DeKalb County at the time of his death
 and that they signed said will or paper
 asserting as witnesses in his presence by his
 request and that he acknowledged the
 same in their presence to be his last will and
 Order at his own dwelling house and that
 he was in his full mind and capable of
 making this his last will and testament
 ordered by the Court that said will be
 recorded with a true copy,

W. J. Selous Clerk
 of DeKalb County Court

William Williams will,

State of Tennessee DeKalb County
 In the name of God Amen
 I, William Williams, being weak in body but of
 sound and perfect mind and memory do make
 and publish this my last will and Testament
 in manner and forme following to wit;

Item first
 It is my will and desire that all my just
 debts be paid, — I do will and bequeath to
 my beloved wife Rachel Williams a general
 support from my home plantation where
 I now live and that she have the use of
 my dwelling house, barn, and stables with
 other out houses for her benefit during her
 natural life; also it is my will and desire
 that my wife have the Benefit and
 Labour of my black man Carry and also
 the benefit and labour of my black
 woman Trimminta during her natural
 life and at the death of my wife the
 plantation and negro above named
 to be equally divided among my sons and
 daughters also it is my will and wish
 that my beloved wife have two head
 of horses to carry one horse of Opair
 and East also three head of hogs also
 twelve head of stack hogs for next
 years provisions also two head of
 with two feather beds and a furnished
 also I wish my wife to have two
 ploughs and two colts for

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William Williams, Continued

Two pair of Charis traces, also it is my will and desire that my wife have a sufficient support for this present year out of the crop on hand at this time including corn fodder bacon &c. Also I wish her to have a sufficient quantity of wheat at next harvest to sustain her family and also I will to my Beloved wife all my personal stock of geese also I give my beloved wife five of my breeding sheep. Say Cows, also I give to my beloved wife my Cupboards and Cupboard furniture also my beancan also Kettles and Skillets sufficient to do her cooking and washing - also one loom and gear also I give my wife two cotton cards with two pair of ~~wool~~ cotton cards - also it is my will and desire that my wife have salt, sugar, and coffee, to do her and family this present year, and at or after the death of my beloved wife Rachel Williams it is my will and desire that all I have herein willed to my said wife be equally divided amongst my sons and daughters after my wife lawfully been supported as before named;

Item the 3rd

I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter Elizabeth one black woman

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William Williams Will Continued,

named Bilet with her increase, during life unto the said Elizabeth her heirs, and assigns forever.

Item the 4th

I will and bequeath to my beloved daughter Rebecca my black woman named Rose, with all her increase unto the said Rebecca her heirs and assigns forever,

Item the 5th

I will and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Nancy my black woman Miller, with all her increase unto the said Nancy her heirs and assigns forever,

Item the 6th

I will and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Parale my black girl named Amanda with all her increase unto the said Parale her heirs and assigns forever, also one horse ^{brist} bridle and saddle one head, head and furniture

Item 7th

I will and bequeath to my beloved Son Perry one headstead, bed and furniture,

Item the 8th

I will and bequeath to my beloved Son Virson one headstead bed and furniture,

Item 9th, I will and bequeath to my

beloved Son James Monroe one horse bridle and saddle also one headstead bed and furniture,

William Williams will Continued

Item the 10th I will and bequeath to my beloved sons and daughters, Mariah, Joseph, Matthew John W. Gray, Thomas Jefferson, Nelson and James Monroe, Williams, the following named black boys, Joseph, the first named Sam, Wesley, Joan, Alfred, Henry, Mias, Nelson, and Joseph, all black boys, now it is my will and desire that my sons and my daughters above named draw for the above named black boys, putting Mias and Joseph together making seven to be one lot for my daughter Mariah and one lot for each of my sons above named to be drawn for by the above named sons and daughters, and then valued by disinterested men and those which have drawn the most valuable to pay over to those that have drawn a lot or one of less value until all are made equal, in value (Explanation). It is my will and desire that all the negro named in this will first and last Except, those given to my wife, be valued by disinterested men, and that my Gray Tract of land be sold on Twelve months credit and the money applied to making up to those which have drawn negroes of least value (Explanation). It is my will

William Williams will Continued

wish and will that the four first named negroes remain given to four of my daughters be valued only, as aforesaid and not drawn for.

Item 11th

It is my will and wish that a portion of the Tract of land on which I have been sold on twelve months credit say the portion when Washington Barre now live. Thomson Frank with the old line on the west end on the east running to the top of the ridge including said Barre Improvements.

Item 12th I will and bequeath unto the heirs of my Daughter Temperance Count, Parale - William and Samuel Parale the sum of five hundred dollars, say to Parale & Williams, two hundred and fifty dollars, and to Temperance two hundred and fifty dollars, to them their heirs and assigns forever (Explanation). My son James Monroe has a coat which I gave him, the coat unattended never if said coat should die from being attended it is my will that the said James Monroe should be made whole for the loss of said coat.

Item 13th - It is my will and wish that all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, with all my farming utensils from wheat sows and

William Williams will (continued)

And all Kitchen, and household
furniture not recited or given to my
belov'd wife or otherwise disposed of
in this will be sold on twelve months
credit and the proceeds thereof
to go to making my children equal
in labor or common so as may be
weighty

I Item the 14th - I will and bequeir the
to my grand daughter Temperance
one horse saddle and bridle for her
hering and assigns former provided
nevertheless if it can be done without
interfering with the provisions heretofore
made in making my own children
equal in the division of the negro

I Item the 15th it is my will and desire
that my two eldest sons Matthew and
John Williams be the executors of
this my last will and testament
and that they execute the same
agreeable to the provision thereof
signed and sealed in the presence
of the subscribing witnesses this
9th day of January 1850

Test

William Williams

John W. Williams,
Loray Williams,
S. J. Williams,

William Williams will (continued)

State of Tennessee DeKalb County
Commotion a paper writing
purporting to be the last will and testament
of William Williams deceased, late a resident
citizen of DeKalb County Tennessee, which
will or paper writing was presented in
open court by Thomas Durham stated up,
which will or paper writing was bro't
open in open court by the said Thomas
Durham said will or paper writing
was then presented in open court for
probate, and was duly proven in open
Court by the oath of John W. Williams
and S. J. Williams two of the subscribing
witnesses to said will or paper writing
who being first duly sworn in open
court depose and say that they were
acquainted with William Williams the
testator who died in DeKalb County Ten-
nessee and that the said William Williams
was a resident citizen of said County
at the time of his death and that they
signed said will or paper writing as such
witnesses in his presence and by his request
and that he acknowledged the same in
their presence to be his last will and
deceir, at his own dwelling house and
that he was in his right mind and
capable of making this his last will
and Testament,
when it was further ordered by the

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William Williams with Certificate

Court that Thomas Durham has sworn
whereupon the said Thomas Durham
being duly sworn in open court deposed
and say that he was acquainted with
Williams the testator and that he
saw the said will or paper writing
of the said William Williams at
his request at his own dwelling
house in the county of DeKalb
and by the said William Williams
requester said that he saw him
signe said will or paper writing
and at the same time he spoke
and said to his family that said
will or paper writing was his will
and request that he the said
testator requested John W. Williams
and J. Williams to sign their names
to said will or paper writing as
witnesses which they did in my
presence and that he saw in his right
mind at the time of making and
signing said will or paper writing
and that he requested me to take
said will or paper writing in to
my possession which I did and it
is the same that I have here
presented in open court, whereupon
it was ordered by the court that said
will or paper writing be recorded

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William Williams will continued

When an motion Matthew Williams and John
W. Williams the executors named in said will
or paper writing of the said William Williams
deceased came into open court and was
duly qualified in open court as such executor
or liquidator of the estate as the law directs
and entering in to bond together with
William B. Stokes John Robinson and
Edward Roan on their securities approved
by the court in the penal sum of
fifteen thousand Dollars conditions
as the law directs which bond was
duly acknowledged in open court and
ordered to be filed and that letters
testamentary issue to them the said
executors, Let a true copy W. J. DeKalb
of DeKalb County clerk

State of Georgia DeKalb County
To Matthew Williams and J. W. Williams
of DeKalb County, It appearing to the court
that William Williams has died leaving a
written will in which you are appointed
executors which has been duly proved in
open court and you having given bond
and qualified according to law and
it having been ordered by the said court
that letters testamentary issue to you
there are therefore to empower you
the said Matthew Williams & John W.
Williams to enter upon the execution

William Williams will Continued

Court that Thomas Durhain be sworn
 whereupon the said Thomas Durhain
 being duly sworn in open Court depose
 and say that he was acquainted with
 Williams the testator and that he
 wrote the will or paper writing
 of the said William Williams at
 his request at his own dwelling
 house in the County of DeKalb
 and by the said William Williams
 request and that he saw him
 sign said will or paper writing
 and at the same time he spoke
 and said to his family that said
 will or paper writing was his will
 and request and that he the said
 Testator requested John W Williams
 and J. J. Williams to sign their names
 to said will or paper writing as
 witnesses which they did in my
 presence and that he was in his right
 mind at the time of making and
 signing said will or paper writing
 and that he requested me to take
 said will or paper writing in to
 my possession which I did and it
 is the same that I have here
 presented in open court, whereupon
 it was ordered by the Court that said
 will or paper writing be recorded

William Williams will Continued

When in motion Matthew Williams and John
 W Williams the executor named in said will
 or paper writing of the said William Williams
 deceased came into open court and was
 duly qualified in open court as such execu-
 tor by taking the oath as the law directs
 and entering in to bond together with
 William B. Stokes John Robinson and
 Edward Robinson their securities approved
 by the Court in the penal sum of
 fifteen thousand Dollars conditions
 as the law directs which bond was
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 executors, Let a true copy W. J. Solbell
 of DeKalb County Clerk

State of Georgia DeKalb County
 To Matthew Williams and J. W. Williams
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 that William Williams has died leaving a
 written will in which you are appointed
 executor which has been duly proved in
 open Court and you having given bond
 and qualified according to law and
 it having been ordered by the said Court
 that letters testamentary Issue to you
 these are therefore to empower you
 the said Matthew Williams & John W
 Williams to enter upon the execution

William Williams Will Continued

of said will and take into your possession
 all the property and to make to the next
 Court a perfect Inventory thereof and
 make due collection of all debts and
 after paying all just demands against
 the testator and settling up the business
 according to law and pay over and
 deliver the property and effects that
 may remain in your hands and do all
 other things that may be required
 according to the provisions of
 said will and the laws of the
 land witness W. J. Isbell clerk of
 office the 4th day of March 1850
 and the year of American Independ-
 ence the 31st year W. J. Isbell Clerk
 of Dallas County

Benjamin Driver will

I Benjamin Driver being of sound and
 perfect mind and memory do make and
 publish this my last will and testament in
 manner and form following first I give
 to my son F. B. Driver that portion of
 my land that will include the house
 where he now lives, 2nd I give to my son
 Thomas D. Driver that portion of my
 land that will include the house where
 he now lives
 3rd I give my son Benjamin Driver that
 portion of my land that will include
 the house where Sally McCook now lives
 4th I give to my son John D. Driver
 that portion of my land that will in-
 clude the house where he now lives
 I do also give and bequeath unto my
 grand daughter Abeline Parkerson
 one hundred dollars out of the proceeds
 of my personal estate I also give and bequeath
 unto the same Abeline Parkerson one
 feather bed and bed thing such as I have
 and all my clop board furniture I further
 wish that in case my land can not be so
 divided as to make all of my sons equal
 that they shall all be made equal out of
 my personal estate if there be so
 much if not I wish it to be made up
 out of the land among them selves,
 I also wish all the residue of my personal
 estate to be sold